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## Knifing, and the Penalty.

The "trial" of Pat McCarrren of Brooklyn on a charge of knifing Mr. Hearst at the recent election, which was to have begun yesterday, has been postponed on account of the absence of the accused in the west. He is a member of the democratic state committee, and the tribunal before which he has been called to appear is composed of several members of that committee appointed by the chairman.

Is he guilty? There would appear to be no doubt on the subject. He fought Mr. Hearst at Buffalo, returned home disgusted with the nomination, advised and predicted Mr. Hearst's defeat, and made no concealment of his pleasure when that result was announced. Moreover, the returns from the McCarrren districts in Brooklyn all showed that Mr. Hearst had suffered severely at the polls. What more is necessary to make out the case?

The real contest is based upon the proposition that Mr. McCarrren be expelled from the committee for unfaithfulness to the ticket. He challenges this by denying that the committee has any such power. It is a nice point of party procedure, and one in which politicians everywhere are interested. In this day, when party lines are merely ropes of sand, when the allies in one campaign are enemies in the next, when independence has become a popular boast, a badge of distinction, the question of what are you going to do about it, what can be done about it, when a fellow jumps the party fence, has its serious as well as its mocking features.

Really, the democratic party, not only in New York, but in nearly all the states, has had so much of this sort of thing to contend with in the past ten years its leaders are to be pardoned when they appear not to be certain about just where they stand, or what their powers may be. Knifing has become something of a fine art. Grindstones have been whirling north, south, east and west, and edges of extra fineness have been put on every available piece of cold steel. For witnesses, call Mr. Bryan, Judge Parker, Mr. Hearst, and others whose fifth ribs have testified to the industry and the unerring aim of those who on election days have been out on the rampage.

Instead therefore of trying Mr. McCarrren upon one little local offense, why not go into committee of the whole on the state of the union and either lay down a general rule taking the whole situation into consideration, or whip out all most offensive and affectionately bid everybody to be good in future? With 1908 so close at hand, soothing syrup, and not the lash, would appear to be the remedy.

## Back From Panama.

The President's return from Panama, safe and sound, affords a national occasion for thanksgiving. Even with all the safeguards against accident, it was a hazardous undertaking. Other men make such journeys, but be sure, in the course of their business or pursuit of pleasure, and think nothing of the risks. The percentage of danger is small, when the total number of tourists is compared with the number of casualties. Yet this percentage assumes a much graver significance when the person exposed to possible mishap is the President of the United States, whose life and health are of far greater value in the world than those of most other individuals.

Now that Mr. Roosevelt has reached Washington again, however, all speculations as to what might have happened are futile. He has gone, has spent his time valuably in inspecting a great work of vital importance to the country and to all the world, has visited one of the island dependencies and has materially enlarged his knowledge of American conditions at a distance and doubtless has thereby added to his usefulness to the people. He is to be congratulated upon the success of his adventure beyond the pale of precedent.

The President has already given evidence of the impression he obtained at Panama by his general order more closely concentrating authority in the canal construction organization. That other orders and changes will result from time to time is expected. The President has personally noted the conditions and has, therefore, a better conception of the great enterprise. Whether this enlargement of view has been worth the risk may be seen at the turn of debate. The fact remains that he has gone, has seen, has heard and has returned to digest his information and give Congress and the country the benefit of his experience.

There is no limit to the versatile ambitions of Kaiser William, whose latest declaration is that he desires to be considered an optimist.

The colored troops would doubtless like to overhear the next interview that occurs between President Roosevelt and Mr. Taft.

The old question "is marriage a failure?" is infinite in its literary variations.

## Davis of Arkansas.

Senator-elect Davis of Arkansas fancies that the Senate needs "stirring up," and announces a purpose to contribute something toward that end when he takes his seat in that body. He does not indicate his "line," but presumably it will be a series of grand talks, taking "a crack at creation," and moving for a reorganization of everything that enters into our governmental system. He counts for assistance upon Mr. Tillman and Mr. Taylor, who will be there, and Mr. Vardaman, whom he hopes to see elected. Mr. Taylor will probably fail him. The Tennesseean is in some things unconventional, but in nothing noisy or bumptious. He may give the Senate a taste of his wit and humor, and probably enliven it on some dull day with a few stumped flourishes, but that he could be induced to take part in a "circus," with Mr. Davis as ringmaster, or clown-in-chief, is not conceivable.

Mr. Davis mistakes the whole situation. The Senate these dozen years past has had its fill of noise and confusion. It is no longer entertained, or in the slightest degree influenced, by that sort of thing. It adheres in the main to the traditions, and prefers the sober statement to the hectic tirade. The new member who comes principally to "stir up things," and leaves arrivals at home who imagine that when he arrives in Washington all business is suspended, and when he speaks gaping throngs besedge the Capitol to hear him, wastes his wild sweetness on the desert air.

Not even his colleagues yield him attention, and he soon finds that his usefulness depends not upon the spectacular but the sensible, the orderly, and the respectful. His best card is the announcement that he will "quit his foolishness" and address himself to business in a way to command the co-operation of men of purpose and dignity.

But such talents as Mr. Davis possesses for "stirring up" things need not go to waste. There is a field for them, and a very profitable one. Let the Arkansan cultivate the art of an entertainer, and go on tour between sessions of the Senate. It pays in money, but probably not otherwise. A great demand for "lecturers" has been worked up throughout the country after the fashion of showmen. Everything "goes." All sorts of celebrities are traveling up and down the land talking in all sorts of fashions about all sorts of things. That discredited little Castellan could sign tomorrow with an agent and make money in this country "lecturing" on matrimony. The idle and the curious would flock to hear him.

But for all this thundering in the index, Mr. Davis may shake down in the Senate and become a member of thought and conservative action. When he discovers that there is no market for freak antics and stamp extravaganzas in the upper house of Congress he will take his ducks elsewhere.

## Criticizing the Court.

A nice question of law and good taste has arisen in New York in connection with the Caruso case. The lower court has adjudged the singer guilty of the charge brought against him, and an appeal has been taken to secure if possible a reversal of this judgment by a higher court.

The ordinary citizen, thus pilloried by the law in the first instance, would content himself with the exercise of his right of formal protest before the proper authorities. But Caruso is not an ordinary citizen. He is a business asset. His standing before the community is of moment not only to himself but to his employers, the directors of the opera corporation. To some extent his value as an attraction is affected by the notoriety of the case and by his conviction of the charge. Apart from the mere question of the advertising derived from this disagreeable case, which is of dubious value in the end, the directors of the corporation have a considerable stake in this matter. They have therefore met and formally adopted resolutions expressive of their conviction that Caruso is completely innocent of the charge against him, thereby setting up their opinion against that of the trial court, and possibly against that of the reviewing court. Just whether this action savors of contempt of court is a matter for the lawyers to determine. In all likelihood nothing will ever be done to bring the resolution to official notice. It would have been proper for the directors of the opera company to express their confidence in Caruso's ultimate vindication, and extend to him assurances of undiminished esteem and hearty sympathy in his affliction. But the case is not before this court for trial, and a formal declaration of innocence, to be spread before the public, is more than an expression of confidence in an employee. It is denial of the rightness of a verdict and it has an unfortunate tendency to accentuate the spirit of public criticism of judicial methods already rife and productive of a lax respect for the law.

## Cuba.

All quiet in Cuba. Such is today's report, and such, let us hope, may be the report for many days to come. Why not? What is there in the island now to send representative men into the brush with arms in their hands? The United States, with friendly feelings and intentions toward everybody, is in charge of matters, and is fully able, if assisted, to smooth out all the wrinkles. We may hear of small disorders in this province or that, but we ourselves are troubled with such here at home. For an instance, the Tillman episode at Chicago would in a Cuban setting afford the enemies of Cuba a rattling text for an argument showing that independence for such people should never be thought of. Let us all be patient with our neighbors, thinking charitably of them as we would have them think of us, and continue to hold out the glad hand while they need and appreciate it.

By saving up a few thousand dollars a day from his income Mr. Hearst may, in the course of time, accumulate another campaign fund sufficient to warrant his emerging from the ranks.

W. J. Bryan's denunciation of the bankers' emergency currency plan was to be expected. Mr. Bryan is by nature suspicious of anything the bankers approve.

Senator Tillman is always grateful to any one who points out anything that is undesirable for him to say in order that he may give it especial emphasis.

Mr. Platt feels, perhaps, that there is no especial occasion to resign from a position which is likely to make so few demands on him as his present senatorship.

It is again alleged that Mars is trying to signal to the earth. But we have troubles enough of our own without listening to those of another planet.

The price of turkey per pound is one of the things that has to be ignored in preparing a list of Thanksgiving topics.

Pearcy brings back with him the usual excellent reason why the north pole so narrowly escaped being discovered.

The talk by his manager about the unsolicited love letters received by Caruso makes the insult not individual, but general.

## Shop Now.

Now is the time to begin buying Christmas presents. The stocks are fresh and full now, and the purchaser has his pick. The aisles are not crowded unduly and the customer has the best of attention. The clerks are not harassed and worried by the rush of business and have time and patience to attend to all comers, offer suggestions and display goods. Shopping in such circumstances is a pleasure, not a source of annoyance. The customer feels that he has got the full worth of his money with the least expenditure of time and trouble.

A little later the conditions will be changed. The floors of the stores will be jammed with eager, hurrying people, the counters will be besieged, the clerks will be harassed by the impatient throng and the goods will be less complete in variety and less fresh in condition. Every day of delay in the purchasing of the articles which are designed as Christmas gifts is an investment in worry.

Of course the merchants are anxious to have the people do their holiday shopping early. It releases their capital more quickly, and makes certain of trade. It is an adage of business that a day's postponement in buying is a day lost to the merchant, a day, too, that is seldom made up. So it is natural that the business men should want their customers to "come early and avoid the rush." The customer can easily appreciate this point of view and obey the injunction to his own advantage. Here is a plane upon which buyer and seller meet on equal terms.

There is no merit in waiting to decide what to buy. The thing to do is to go into the stores at once and find out. At least this much can be done. In the way of preliminary skimming for prices and sug-

gestions. The shopping expedition that has been preceded by such a trip of inquiry is much more likely to be satisfactory than otherwise. So those who do not want to buy now, or who lack the cash, should at least find out what is to be had, and begin without delay the often painful process of deciding.

Richard Croker, when he was running things, never placed much dependence on heavenly interference such as he thinks defeated Hearst.

A revolt in the drama is what Maxim Gorky now wants. Gorky has not yet completed what he undertook as a political revolutionist.

George Bernard Shaw takes nothing seriously except himself.

## SHOOTING STARS.

## Sore Puzzled.

"It is a little confusing," said the czar. "What's the trouble?" asked the court official.

"When I have been away I never can tell on my return home whether I am getting into a fireworks exhibition in my honor or a terrorist demonstration."

## A Negative Blessing at Least.

"Has your wealth brought you happiness?" asked the philosopher. "Perhaps not," answered Mr. Dustin Star; "but it has at least stood between me and a lot of annoyances."

## Holiday Preparation.

Turkeys too expensive.  
Foh to travel in our set.  
But while dar's pok an' possum  
Dar's a chance foh us folks yet!

## Ingenuous.

"Lady," said Plodding Pete, "are you one o' dese people dat hates tramps?"  
"I am," was the prompt and decisive answer.  
"Well, wouldn't you like to show your feelin' by temptin' me to over-eat myself an' puttin' de curse of dyspepsia on me?"

## Not His Ambition.

"Did you ever succeed in awaying an audience to laughter or tears at will?"  
"No," answered Senator Sorghum; "I recognize the fact that all the world's a stage. I don't care to be reciting speeches. I want to be one of the men in the box office."

## A Rhyme of the Season.

Tain't no use complainin'  
While you're travelin' along.  
Keep yoh voice in trainin'  
Foh to sing a little song.  
Tain't no use o' sighin'  
In a melancholy style.  
You kin weep wifout half tryin'  
It's some credit when you smile.

So we'll celebrate Thanksgiving!  
As we've often done befo'.  
Thankful dat we's livin'  
If we ain't foh nothin' mo.

## To What Good?

From the New York World.  
Senator Tillman is an honest man and undoubtedly a sincere man, but we fail to see wherein anything but evil can come from his incendiary speeches on the race question.

There is not the faintest glimmer of a possibility that any state in the Union will ever again be subjected to negro rule. Then why all this hysteria? Why these persistent and un-American efforts to fan the flames of a natural race antipathy and bring on all the horrors and terrors of a race war? Does Senator Tillman think the south is too prosperous and that life and property are already too secure? Does he believe the south would be better and happier if the streets of every city and village and the roads of every township ran red with the blood of white men and black men locked in a death-grapple?

## Census of the Stars.

From the New York Tribune.  
A complete census of the stars has never been taken. Simon Newcomb, a leading American authority, has expressed the opinion that the heavens contain not fewer than a hundred million stars like the sun. A fresh calculation has been made by Mr. Gore, an English astronomer, the basis of his calculations being actual counts of dots on small portions of celestial photographs. He finds evidence of the existence of only 64,184,737 such bodies. If stars were an article of commerce it might be suspected that Mr. Gore was trying to bull prices.

## The Cost of Elections.

From the New York Times.  
The impressive fact about the official statements of campaign expenditures and contributions is that the figures have been published at all. We have become accustomed to the filing of statements by candidates, the disclosure by campaign committees of their receipts and the sources thereof is new and interesting. The next striking fact is the absence of contributions from corporations, which are forbidden by law.

## A Sweeping Measure.

From the Boston Transcript.  
A Westfield special justice has prepared a bill to be presented to the next legislature providing a penalty for any lawyer convicted of seeking by his own efforts to involve individuals or corporations in litigation. That would round up quite a bunch in the present session. Any one who has ever served on a civil jury has seen them.

## Women and Pennies.

From the Buffalo Express.  
A woman in a New York street car the other day let her resentment be known to all passengers by throwing on the floor five pennies which the conductor had given to her when she offered him a dime for her fare. Women should not take it so seriously when a conductor tries to get even once in awhile, for conductors say that they get all their pennies from women.

## Stand the Strain.

From the Chicago Tribune.  
If the boiler tubes of the battleship Louisiana can stand the ordeal of the President's vigorous stoking they are all right.

## Cleaned Up.

From the Chicago Record-Herald.  
Well, one good thing was accomplished by the President's visit to Panama, even if nothing else comes of it. The town washed itself in his honor.

## Disinterested.

From the Buffalo Express.  
Mr. Bryan has satisfied himself that President Roosevelt is not to be elected if he should run in 1908. This, of course, is a disinterested view.

## Collegeians and Phonetics.

From the Mexican Herald.  
Freshmen at the Northwestern University are reported to be phonetic spellers without knowing it.

## Homelike!

From the Toledo Blade.  
There is no place like home, but when one goes into a strange town and finds a gang of rascals tearing up the street paving it seems like home.

## Wild Out?

From the Los Angeles Express.  
The winter crop of Pittsburgh scandals bids fair to be up to its usual standard.

## Some Rights Left.

From the Detroit News.  
We have been confident, all along, that when they got around to it, the courts would hold that the advent of automobiles didn't terminate all the rights of the pedestrian.

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